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Four Lecture Course Attractions

The Monday Afternoon Club has taken charge of the lecture course for the coming season and has secured four of the most attractive numbers from the Central Lyceum Bureau.

Oct. 27th will be the first evening when the "Orphean Musical Club" will furnish the entertainment.

Dec. 31st will be the "Scotch Singers," a ladies' quartette noted all over the continent.

Jan. 14th will be the date for the "Village Singers," the star of the course. These singers have words of praise from every part of the country and sing to a crowded house everywhere they go.

Feb. 24th "The Floyd Company," a trio of refined entertainers, will be here. They are magicians and give an exhibition which not only affords amusement but at which scientific minds marvel.

This is the most expensive course that has ever been given here but the season tickets will be one price, \$1.50, with ten cents extra for each evening's reserved seat. It will be to everyone's advantage to buy a season ticket as will be readily seen, and no one can afford to miss these first-class entertainments at this price. The proceeds will be turned into the fund for the new Lincoln Library and Rest Room which the ladies hope to see started during the year.

Omnibus Wreck

J. C. Aubley, the omnibus driver, came very near meeting with a bad accident Monday afternoon. When he was making the trip for the outgoing 3:30 train the first crossing was blocked by the freight and as the passenger was about due to leave, Mr. Aubley crossed the track at the rear of the train. Just before the hind wheels crossed the second rail, the train backed and struck the wheel of the bus and crushed it, and the bus was partially tipped over, throwing Mr. Aubley and G. E. Osborn, who was riding on the top with him, to the ground, but neither was injured.

J. N. Tinch of this city and Wm. Gesner of Kiowa were in the bus. They scrambled out as soon as possible and while they were very much shaken up, they were not hurt. Mr. Gesner went through it all right but Mr. Tinch came very near having nervous prostration. He admitted that he was never scared so much since he was a small boy. He recovered in time to continue on his journey.

Those who saw the wreck say it was clearly the fault of the freight crew. The crossing should not have been blocked, but since it was blocked, the train should not have been put in motion while the bus was crossing. Mr. Aubley is entirely blameless.

Cutting Trees

One night last week somebody cut off a fine young tree, belonging to M. M. Greever and injured several others. This offense is indefensible and if the party is caught he will be severely punished. The tree that was cut and the others that were injured are on the outside of Mr. Greever's residence and lots, at the side of the walk. The cutting was done with a sharp knife and by a person with considerable strength. The destroyed tree was cut with a single stroke and it was done deliberately. It was about six feet tall and the place where it was cut, about the size of an ordinary fork handle.

Our people may be divided on some propositions, but on the question of tree destruction they are all united. It will not be healthy for the person caught destroying trees.

"A Real Good One"

Blondin's Big Show, under canvas, offering a grand novelty "The Cowboy, Indian and the Lady." It's the newest play from a writer of real successes. It is a genuine western comedy with a plot of much historic interest. The scenes are western and true to life, with an unusual amount of pathos and a raft of comedy by the Chinaman and negro character of the most amusing sort, with a distinguished quality of naturalness that pleases both old and young alike. The show as a whole is entertaining, instructive and strictly moral, not founded on dime novel lines and nothing better could be asked for, at Medicine Lodge, Friday, October 8th.

District Court Next Monday

The October term of the district court of Barber county will begin next Monday, the 11th. There are twelve criminal and ninety civil cases on the docket, which is considerably heavier than the docket usually is. The criminal cases are as follows:

State vs. D. M. Circle.
" Joe Hargis.
" George Scates.
" Ray Foster and W. H. Robertson.
" Ed Harding.
" W. B. Shelton.
" Frank Herron.
" S. Koell, (2 cases.)
" M. J. Lane.
" Geo. Carey and Chas. Chamberlain.
" Hode Hall.

One of the big suits on the civil docket, Presnall vs. Presnall, has been settled, and will be dismissed. This was a case in which L. M. Presnall brought suit against his son, Joel Presnall, to set aside a deed to some land which was given to the son by the father prior to the father's marriage. By the terms of settlement the son has recently quit-claimed to the father. The conveyance includes the northwest quarter of 35-33-10, and one block and eleven lots in the city of Hazelton. The consideration mentioned in the deed is \$1500, the grantor, of course, assuming all encumbrances, which are known to be at least \$2700. This is another case in which the attorneys will probably fare better than the litigants.

The petit jurors for the term are:

E. J. Grigsby, Sharon.
J. A. Redman, Kiowa.
G. R. Harris, Medicine Lodge.
Carl Dixon, Kiowa.
M. S. Bennett, Valley.
T. M. Parr, Mingona.
Geo. Mounsey, Nippawalla.
W. L. Whitton, Moore.
Jno. Cullison, Medicine Lodge.
Roy Doran, Valley.
Allen Hague, Kiowa.
C. N. Marshall, Medicine Lodge.

Wm. Inglebright's Will

The petition to probate the will of the late Wm. Inglebright was filed in Judge Garrison's court last Thursday and the will was opened. The bequests are as follows:

The sum of \$4,500 is distributed to descendants as follows: To a son, Levi Inglebright, Martin's Ferry, Ohio, \$500; a daughter, Hattie O'Neil, New York City, \$1000; a daughter, Eliza J. Clark, Steubenville, Ohio, \$250; a daughter, Sina Watson, Seattle, Washington, \$500; a grandson, Fred Smith, Seattle, Washington, \$1000; a nephew, Homer Parmar, Steubenville, Ohio, \$500; a grandson, Wm. J. Clark, Steubenville, Ohio, \$250; a niece's husband, James Clingerman, Bellaire, Ohio, \$500.

The remaining portion of the estate is bequeathed to his niece, Mary Fuller, of this city, with whom Mr. Inglebright made his home when he came to Kansas about fifteen years ago, and who ministered to and cared for him so devotedly during his long sickness. By the terms of the will Mrs. Fuller is made executrix. No inventory has yet been filed but it is known that the estate will aggregate more than \$20,000.00.

The will was drawn up, sealed and deposited in the probate court July 29, 1908. Seward I. Field and F. B. Chapin are the witnesses to the instrument.

B. C. H. S. 14; Pratt 5.

The above score represents the result of the first foot-ball game of the season played by the Barber County High School. The game was played in this city last Friday afternoon and the Pratt team was the victim. It was a fine game, the teams were evenly matched in point of size but our boys had the better of the visitors in the way of skill and head work. The line-up of the home team was as follows: Lee Chapin, full back.
Paul Fair, left half.
Vestal Cook, right half.
Henry Rankin, quarter back.
Albert Farley, right end.
Eli Harbaugh, right end.
Robert Warwick, right guard.
Bertram Burton, center.
Riley MacGregor, left guard.
Raymond Schmidt, left tackle.
Glenn Richardson, left end.

F. J. Wadsworth and G. E. Osborn joined the Toyah Valley (Texas) excursion party yesterday evening at Attica. They will be gone an even week, according to present intentions.

NOTICE To Piano Buyers

If you intend to buy a PIANO and will notify me and then buy a Piano within 60 days thereafter, I will make you a present of \$5.00, no matter where or from whom you buy your Piano. Just buy one somewhere. I mean just what I say. I will give you a \$5 bill.

H. Fisher, Coldwater, Kans.

The Stubbs-Curtis "Scrap"

From The Wichita Beacon, October 1st.

Ex-Senator Chester I. Long declared that he could see no way in which Governor Stubbs can justify the million dollar increase in state appropriations by the last legislature, or the decided increase in taxes at a time when the people had been led to expect that they were under a reform administration.

This opinion was expressed by Mr. Long, who was in the city a short time this morning on his way home from Topeka. The ex-senator stated emphatically that he was not taking a particular interest in the scrap going on between the governor and Senator Curtis.

"It would be discourteous, I think, to express opinions on the controversy between Governor Stubbs and Senator Curtis," said he. "It is a fight between a distinguished gentleman new in the United States senate and another distinguished gentleman who is said to be aspiring to the place."

"The governor seems to be having quite a time trying to justify the course of his administration in the matter of state expenditures and taxes, a thing which I do not consider justifiable, particularly by an administration which the people were told was to be a reform administration. I do not wish to make any statements concerning the trouble."

Real Estate Sales

Murphy, Williams & Company made the following real estate sales during last week:

The former Stewart farm of 320 acres east of this city, owned by Albert Head of Galesburg, Illinois and farmed by R. H. Bruce, was sold to Wm. Schiff of Earlham, Iowa. Consideration \$20,000. Possession will be given March 1st when Mr. Schiff will move his family here and become a citizen. A few years ago Mr. Head bought this farm for about \$8,000.

The quarter section in Eagle township, owned by Mrs. Hardy, a non-resident, was sold to Peter Hoover of this city. Consideration \$640. It is a rough, unimproved quarter.

During the Sharon fair the Company sold Geo. Stewart's blacksmith shop and lot and Gene Gibbs's blacksmith outfit, both in Sharon, to Peterson Bros. of McPherson. The Stewart property was sold for \$550 and the Gibbs outfit for \$400. The buyers will move to Sharon and operate a first-class shop.

Methodist Church

The usual services will be held next Sunday. The morning sermon subject will be "Well salted Christians." Evening subject, "What makes a Christian and how does one become a Christian?" Our services are for all and we extend a cordial invitation to the unchurched, the strangers and the pastorless people to worship with us.

Remember to come to the Wednesday night prayer and bible study service.

F. W. Imboden
Pastor.

Dr. I. W. Stout returned home from Geuda Springs on Saturday. He says the short vacation at the Springs improved his general health very much.

The Sharon Fair

Sharon did herself proud in her street fair and carnival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Each day's program was carried out to the letter and the premiums awarded in all cases by competent and impartial judges. The Index has been promised a list of the premiums awarded, by the association later.

The attendance at the fair outnumbered the anticipation of everybody. People were there from all portions of Barber county, western Harper and southern Kingman were well represented and there were a number of stockmen present from Wichita and Kansas City. The exhibits of horses, mules, hogs and poultry were great. They compared very favorably to state fair shows, excepting, of course, not so great in numbers, but the quality was there. The agricultural and art displays were also right up to the top.

The parades made each forenoon were fine. We are frank to say we have never seen their equal in this county. The business men of Sharon all had unique turnouts which represented their houses in a catchy way and served as a great advertisement for them individually and collectively. These parades were laughable and most appropriate.

All of the Sharon people are deservant of great praise for the great success of the affair, but the citizens of our neighbor town feel that to S. F. Bowman and F. J. Warren is due the greater praise. Mr. Warren looked after the clerical department, principally, and Mr. Bowman did the field work. He put in two weeks in making the arrangements, developing an interest and in supervising and directing things, cancelling several sales in order to give his time and attention to the fair.

We have letters from Sharon citizens saying that they feel under lasting obligations to Messrs. Bowman and Warren for their gratuitous labors in this work.

Judge J. D. Bradley of Attica was attending to legal business in the city yesterday.

For Sale.—Four roomed house and three lots on north Main street. Good improvements. E. E. Hagerman.

Blondin's Big Show in "The Cowboy, Indian and the Lady" is positively the largest and best of stage show under canvas traveling. Don't miss going. Friday, October 8th.

Mr. Shiflet of Kansas City, a brother of Mrs. Fred Holser, visited here the latter part of last week and until Monday of this week. He is looking for a land proposition and may eventually decide to buy a farm here. We should be glad to be able to record the fact of his becoming a citizen among us.

Wm. J. Horney of Portales, New Mexico, oldest brother of Geo. W. Horney of the Grand Hotel, arrived in the city last Friday morning and will be here probably several weeks. Mr. Horney is troubled with an obstinate sore on his hand and has concluded to try a change of climate. Dr. Donovan is now treating it and it seems to have improved since his coming here. It has been bothering him more or less for eight months and lately has become quite serious. Mr. Horney owns a fine tract of land at Portales. He says the country has taken on a great boom during the past year.

Hon. Wm. Gesner of Kiowa was in the city on Monday, ostensibly on business before the county commissioners but it was observed, incidentally, that he was closeted for a time, with a trio of machine republicans. We do not believe the Hon. Bill can be induced to trot another heat against Representative Griffin but he is most valuable in council in locating the right timber. The campaign is still afar, but the fires are surely being kindled right now and when the combustibles arrive there will be such smoke as to make all Rome howl and the "geese" cackle. The Index would like to take chips in this game but it will have to be content to be an innocent bystander as in 1908.

Hon. W. C. Allford and Chas. Phipps of Hazelton were here on business Monday and yesterday.

W. L. Bragg and The Barber County Abstract company have contracted to erect a real estate office building in Mr. Bragg's lot west of T. F. Gallagher's livery barn on Kansas avenue east. The present small frame building will be removed. The new building will be 20x40, one story and will be constructed out of concrete blocks. Fred Bowen is now at work making the blocks.

R. M. Smith bought a nice cottage at Geuda Springs last week. Mr. Smith and family expect to spend their summers there and concluded to buy property on account of the small supply of houses and spare hotel accommodations at the little summer resort. Geuda has a future before it. Within a short time it promises to be a thriving little city. Capital is coming in rapidly and a building boom has begun. People are just beginning to learn of the great medicinal qualities of the Geuda water.

The Swenson Land Company of Chicago, owning vast tracts of the Toyah Valley Texas land, sent five men to this city last week to work up a delegation of men to go to the Toyah Valley to look over some of the company's propositions, and several responded to the offer of free transportation to and fro. The men who represented the company at this place were H. B. Hicks of Chicago, Paul Barclay, E. E. Barclay, and Henry Swenson of Balmorhea, Texas, and W. S. and Charles Peck of Attica, who have recently purchased land in the Toyah Valley. On Wednesday night stereopticon views of Texas lands were given in front of the Higgins building and one of the men told the people all about the wonderful possibilities of the southern country. It has come to our notice a number of times that most any country can be made to look nice on canvas, and orators and writers can become eloquent, but the cold, stern fact remains that this outfit is baiting for suckers. The Index was invited last week to "pull" the angles but we found better use for our space. A man who is looking for good land at a price worth the money can find it right here in Barber county.

Erastus Painter and Walter Swinton of Lake city township were in the city last Thursday to consult County Attorney Field. They were cutting wood for J. R. Quick who left the country without paying them. Quick contracted with A. J. Hargis to clear a lot of timber land and employed Messrs. Painter and Swinton to do the work. He left Lake City on Saturday, September 29th, telling his men that he was going to Kansas City to buy a stump puller, and before going he borrowed \$20 from Mr. Painter, representing to him that he lacked that much of having sufficient money to pay for it. When he got to Wichita he collected everything due him from Mr. Hargis and then wrote to Mr. Painter that he was going to leave the country and would not be back—that he (Painter) could gather up his old traps and get out of them what he could. About all he had was an old tent and a few old tools worth at the most about \$10. He owes Mr. Painter over \$30, Mr. Swinton about \$20 and he has other unpaid bills in and near Lake City. Mr. Quick lived in this city last winter and was regarded as an honest man and the men who worked for him had perfect confidence in him. There should be a law to handle such swindlers.

W. F. Gardner of Lake City township was attending to business affairs in the city last Thursday.

The ladies of the Presbyterian missionary society will give a tea, with a musical and literary program on Wednesday (today), at the home of Mrs. W. R. Forsyth. Program will begin promptly at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited.

The new water filters recently put in the school house are giving excellent satisfaction. These filters were purchased on the recommendation of T. J. Bes who has used a similar kind both in his residence and at the gypsum mill for more than a year and the board did not feel that there was even an element of risk in buying them. Of course there are irresponsible knockers on all improvements but we doubt if there is a parent who sends a child to school who will enter an objection to filters in the school building.

One Week of Grace—Then The Fire-Works

The anti-tobacco meeting held by the M. E. Brotherhood on Sunday afternoon brought out a large crowd of men and boys and Mr. Cigarette and tobacco generally were swatted fore and aft. Rousing speeches were made by Attorneys Griffin, Field and Tinch, Prof. Major, Col. MacGregor, J. A. Pepon, C. D. Rackley, Rev. Imboden, F. J. Wadsworth and a Mr. Shiflet of Kansas City who happened to be visiting in the city.

All of the speakers, some of them tobacco users themselves, were strongly in favor of enforcing the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors and punishing minors for smoking on the streets or in public places.

County Attorney Field stated that if the people want the law enforced he will enforce it but he said frankly that he would not bring an action unless the people who wanted the law enforced, will stand behind him; and he expected them to demonstrate their good faith by swearing to a complaint and also by taking the witness stand and testifying against the boys and the merchants.

After the flow of eloquence subsided City Attorney Tinch introduced an oral resolution substantially as follows:

"Resolved that we are in favor of enforcing the anti-tobacco law now on the statute books, and that we will assist the prosecuting authorities in such enforcement by swearing to complaints and testifying in every case wherein we observe its violation, either by merchants or by boys under 21 years of age, within one week after this resolution shall be published."

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote. A large majority of the audience voted in the affirmative, two voted in the negative and probably one-fourth of the congregation did not vote at all.

This means that after one week from today all boys who smoke in public will be arrested, and all merchants who sell tobacco to minors or cigarette papers to anybody, will be arrested, if the large number of men who voted on this question are truthful about it.

The minimum penalty for boys is a fine of \$10, and for merchants who sell the weed to boys, \$25.

School Report

Below will be found the condensed report of our public schools for the first month of the present term:

Room	En't	per c.	at T R	Teacher
1	60	96	2.5	Miss Guthrie
2	28	98.3	6.1	Miss Weber
3	31	98.3	0.1	" "
4	29	95.2	0.6	Miss Rogers
5	29	98.2	0.2	Miss Webb
6	38	98.2	0.2	Miss Kernohan
7	40	96	0.5	Miss Gant
8	43	98	0.4	Miss Kelly
9	46	98.1	0.3	Miss Powers
10-11-12	56	98.2	0.2	Miss Bell
Total	401	Av. 97.5	2	Miss Clymer

Grades 2 and 3 are to be praised for making the highest attendance. However, all grades, certainly did well. Room 1 was unfortunate in making two tardies, but this is not so bad when it is remembered that there are 60 pupils enrolled and over 30 of these only 5 years old and in school for the first time.

The High School enrollment today (Tuesday) is 102.

D. W. MAJOR, Superintendent.